food production. Steel for factories manufacturing machine tools is supplied by the Government of India direct to these factories; but this Government are now trying to get a lump allotment under this quota and distribute it to the factories. They are also repeatedly pressing the Government of India for larger quantities of iron and steel under all quotas."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether Government have received complaints from manufacturers of agricultural implements that in spite of repeated requests, they have not been receiving adequate quantities and they have not been able to produce larger quantity of agricultural implements? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Yes, Sir. The supply is not adequate for the entire province and so the supply to various individuals will be less."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know what steps this Government have taken in order that agricultural implements may be supplied in larger quantities in the interests of the Grow More Food Campaign? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" As I have already said, we are pressing the Government of India for larger quantities of iron and steel for these purposes and we have also said that special allotments must be made for agricultural purposes."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Have you been able to squeeze out anything? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Squeezing is going on, Sir, but the result is awaited." (Laughter.)

Inspector of Local Boards and Municipal Councils.

* 64 Q.—SRI H. M. JAGANNATHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the date on which Sri K. M. Unnithan, I.C.S., joined duty as the Inspector of Local Boards and Municipal Councils;

(*b*) the amount of travelling allowances drawn by Sri K. M. Unnithan, I.C.S., as Inspector of Local Boards and Municipal Councils, during the years 1944, 1945, 1946 and 1947;

(*c*) the number of local bodies the Inspector of Local Boards inspected or visited during the years 1944, 1945, 1946 and 1947; and

(*d*) the number of inspection notes the Inspector of Local Boards issued in 1944, 1945, 1946 and 1947 after his inspection of local bodies?

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THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" (a) 20th April 1944.

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" (b)	1944	1,510
	1945	2,061
	1946	2,055
	1947	1,495
" (c)	1944	38
	1945	44
	1946	63
	1947	36

" (d) Statistics of the number of inspection notes issued have not been kept by the Inspector."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is there not a specific rule that the same officer should not continue in any particular department for more than three years? "

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" There is no specific rule but for the covenience of the administration, they may be continued for more than three years."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is he still continuing in that office."

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is not the Inspector of Municipal Councils expected to pay at least one visit in a year to a municipality."

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" He is expected as far as possible; but when it is impossible, he will direct his deputy in the interests of administrative convenience."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is it not the experience of some of the departments to change officers every three years seeing that if allowed to remain in one place for more than three years, he is likely to develop prejudice or bias and that is the reason why Judicial Officers are transferred once in three years? "

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" There are no allegations against him and so far the administration has been carried on efficiently and I do not think there is any necessity to transfer him."

Tiruturaipundi Panchayat Board.

11-15 a.m. * 65 Q.—SRI H. M. JAGANNATHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tiruturaipundi Panchayat Board, Tiruturaipundi taluk, Tanjore district, was superseded by the Inspector of Local Boards in exercise of the powers delegated